

All change at Newport Station



Newport Station in South Wales is currently in the middle of a redevelopment programme with new passenger concourse buildings and footbridges

under construction.

Architect for the project Grimshaw, said the town is bisected by railway tracks and as a result

each half of Newport has its own character. Grimshaw's design embraces this divide, creating two new concourses, north and south, both linked by a large footbridge.

Working on behalf of main contractor Galliford Try, SH Structures is supplying all steelwork for the two circular concourse buildings, the footbridge as well as all access stairs.

The spiral form of the station is said to mirror the journey taken within the connecting bridge and back down onto the platforms. Grimshaw says the use of an ETFE wrap over a steel structure not only creates a very bright and airy space but also, due to the lightness of the material, means the building requires minimal support structure. The multi-million pound project is scheduled for completion in time for the Ryder Cup which will be held at nearby Celtic Manor from 27 September 2010.